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CASABLANCA FOR CIVAIRATT

E. O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: PAN AM REDUCES FLIGHTS TO GHANA

REF: REF: ACCRA 6251 (NOTAL)

1. PAN AM ACCRA REP MILLER INFORMED EMBASSY NOV 19 THAT HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN ASSURANCES THAT FLIGHTS PA 184/185 ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS WILL BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE TO ACCRA AFTER THIS WEEK. ACCORDINGLY, HE HAS NOTIFIED PAN AM NEW YORK TO CEASE OPERATING PA 184/185 AFTER THE NOV 21 FLIGHT.

2. MILLER SAYS HE WAS UNABLE TO RECEIVE ANY ASSURANCES FROM DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION WHO, ACCORDING TO MILLER, SAYS HE IS POWERLESS IN THE MATTER. MILLER WAS TOLD ONLY PERSON WHO COULD HELP HIM IS COMMISSIONER (EQUIVALENT TO MINISTER) OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS, WHO OUT OF COUNTRY UNTIL NOV 25.

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3. PAN AM AND EMBASSY AGREE THAT THIS IS UNDOUBTEDLY FURTHER GOG PRESSURE TO TRY TO OBTAIN BILATERAL AIRLINE AGREEMENT. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO EMPHASIZE TO GOG THAT USG NOT RPT NOT IN POSITION TO GRANT BILATERAL AT THIS TIME.

4. PAN AM IN PAST HAD BEEN UNDER PRESSURE TO GRANT "COMMERCIAL BENEFITS" TO GHANA AIRWAYS SIMILAR TO THAT OFFERED BY EUROPEAN AIRLINES (E.G. REVENUE SHARING, AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR NON-EXISTEANT SERVICES, ETC.). PAN AM CONTINUES ADAMANT THAT IT IN NO POSITION TO GRANT SUCH BENEFITS BEYOND THOSE ACCRUING FROM LANDING FEES AND CATERING SERVICES.
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